

Airport Policy Documents

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Airports require multiple policy documents to manage successfully. Currently Minden Tahoe Airport is reviewing a variety of these documents to bring them up to date with FAA Circulars and/or current airport activities. Specifically the policy documents under review include:

- Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Operators
- Leasing Policy
- Airport Rules and Regulations
- Pavement Maintenance Policy

Minimum Standards – This policy requires that all commercial aeronautical businesses on the airport meet a certain threshold of standards to provide quality service to all the airport users and that each business is treated fairly and that they not unjustly discriminated against in comparison to similar operators at MEV. Typical requirements include; insurance levels and type, size of structures, hours of operation, certifications and licenses.

Leasing Policy – A Leasing policy helps prospective tenants understand the basic requirements for leasing land or buildings owned by the County. This policy present a list of the basic documentation and verifications that are needed for the County to make an informed decision on proposed offers and a listing of possible reasons that a lease offer may be denied.

Rules and Regulations – For the purpose of safety and security of all persons and facilities on the airport it is important to have basic rules and regulations that specify what acceptable behavior is while on the airport for any and all person on airport property.

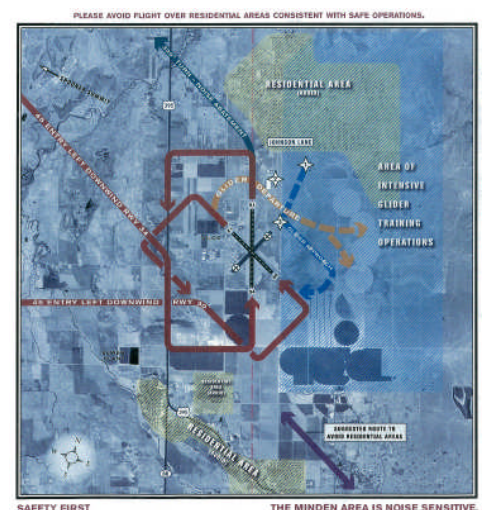
Pavement Maintenance Policy – This document is primarily for the airport operations personnel. The details of the document direct the staff on how to do pavement inspections, what to look for during an inspection, how to make minor fixes, when to do major repairs, etc.

Each of theses documents are at various levels of completion and all are expected to be in place before the end of the year. If any of you would like to provide input or comment on any or all of the documents please stop by the airport office, as always your comments and suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

Airport Safety Committee Update

A safety committee has been formed consisting of the different operational types based at the Airport to discuss updating the pilot guide and any modifications to the existing traffic patterns. The committee has met four times and the meetings have been very productive with many different ideas and viewpoints being brought to the table. It is hopeful that we will be able to publish a new pilot guide in fall with revised standard procedures. If you have any comments or concerns about the old pilot guide and procedures, please forward your comments to bthompson@co.douglas.nv.us.

Only when we all work together can we make Minden-Tahoe Airport a safe place for all operations.



Airport Float for the Carson Valley Day's Parade

A special thanks to John "Bumper" Morgan for pushing his glider through the parade route



Airport Open House June 12, 2010

A special thanks to all those who helped to make the Open House a great success!





Manager's Perspective

Steve Mokrohisky

As you may know, Douglas County recently initiated an Economic Vitality program, with three areas of focus: 1) Education and Workforce, 2) Distinctive Towns, and 3) Outdoor Recreation and Lifestyle. Within these three areas of focus, four priority projects have been established and teams of business and community leaders have been identified to lead each project. One of the priority projects is to create a sport aviation mecca at the Minden-Tahoe Airport. This effort seeks to achieve our community's collective vision to create a home for sport aviation and education at the Airport, develop the necessary partnerships, funding and infrastructure, and allow for the active marketing and promotion of the Airport.

Linda Mae Draper has been identified as the champion for this project and we believe many of the pieces are in place to pursue the goals of the project. We will keep you informed on significant progress as we move forward. Please let us know if you would like to learn more and if you are interested in participating in the effort.

Also, we continue to work on planning additional community events at the Airport this year, including a Ride-O-Rama with discounted rides for visitors and an Aviation Education Day with the Challenger Learning Center for youth to learn more about the world of aviation. We encourage your participation in these valuable community events.

Finally, we are working on the final touches to our new Airport website and we hope to have the site live by the end of August. We will keep you posted as we launch the new site.

As always, thanks for your continued efforts to make the Minden-Tahoe Airport the jewel of the general aviation community.

Upcoming Airport Events

Ride-O-Rama

September 12, 2010

Discounted rides be available in gliders, single engine aircraft, and helicopters.

Aviation Education Day

September 29, 2010

The Challenger Learning Center will be at Minden-Tahoe Airport to provide an introduction to aviation for the children of the Douglas County School System.

For more information on these events please call (775) 782-9871.

Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2010

August 12

October 12

December 9



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FAA Finalizes Recurrent Aircraft Registration Rule

In an effort to create a more accurate aircraft registration database, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requiring re-registration of all civil aircraft over the next three years and renewal every three years after that. The final rule can be found at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-17572.htm>

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